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A SENSIBLE WAY.

The manner in which Norway and Sweden went about settling their troubles is worthy of international notice. The two nations, for a term of years bound together in a union, have decided to sever their ties and remain independent, and this without flying at one another's throats or trying to swallow up each other. The example is one which really shows substantial progress of modern civilization and of ideas which a hundred years ago would have been regarded by the great rulers of the world as weak and stupid. It would be interesting to know what George III. of England, or Napoleon, or even Bismarck, would have said were such a policy presented to either of them. It is doubtful even if in the days before the war of the rebellion the statesmen of this country would have seen any wisdom in it. The conditions, of course, are not identically those which existed between the north and the south in 1861, but there are elements in the controversy between the two countries which with little difficulty might have produced a war disastrous to both. With the troubles that Russia has, it shows cool wisdom on the part of the delegates of the two peninsular countries in conference at Karlstad that they could avoid a conflict at arms and, while separating, maintain a strength that may be valuable to both against other troubles which appear to be forcing themselves to the surface in nearly every country of Europe and which involve the forms of government and economic conditions.

INSURANCE COMPANIES NEEDED.

The Cleveland Leader aptly declares that "condemnation of misconduct on the part of high officials of great life insurance companies must not be permitted to extend to the principle of insurance." Life insurance companies, both fraternal and old line, have long been considered a necessary adjunct to the business world. They have disbursed money, in a multitude of instances where it has enabled those dependent on the insured to maintain a comfortable existence. To many people, such companies have been a blessing, for the money thus invested would have been spent, and those who had needed the protection would have been without it. The present scandals are the natural outcome of "dollar worship," the greed for gold that has been one of the greatest curses of modern civilization. Out of it all, however, will come, it can safely be predicted, an ideal condition of affairs in which the "square deal" will be the predominating factor.

A New York man sold his wife for \$5000. Of course if that establishes a price married men as a whole are richer than they supposed they were.

Twenty two murders were committed in Chicago during the month of August. Perhaps there were one or two in London during the same time.

This world would be an ideal place to pass an existence if we were only all paid what we think we are worth—and then actually earned the money.

The new quarrel between Venezuela and France has so far resulted in less damage to the participants than an ordinary American prize fight.

Paul Morton reports that the Equitable's restaurant in New York City is

a money maker. Policy holders visiting Gotham might appeal to Paul for meal tickets at reduced rates.

It is gravely announced at the navy department that an additional supply of water is needed at West Point. There are other army posts where an additional consumption of water would prove beneficial.

William T. Eby, Detroit, Michigan, holds the world's record for number of bricks laid in one day, 8000. He lays an average of 5000 brick per day, and works so fast that he is able to command \$1 an hour for his services.

A firm of Baltimore architects has drawn plans for a building without any wood in its construction. It will be six stories in height, the entire structure to be of reinforced concrete and steel, even the doors, window sashes and door jambs will be of metal.

A curious find was made in a Boston insurance office the other day. It was a policy issued by the company just before the civil war on a coastwise cargo of negro slaves. And the company, then, as now, had its headquarters in New England, the stronghold of abolition.

In Abilene, Kas., the doctors came very nearly making a mistake. When they found that their patient had no money the changed the diagnosis from appendicitis, which involved an expensive operation, and instead they gave the patient three pills. The patient is now at work.

There are no national holidays. All holidays are such by virtue of state law. The president's proclamation of Thanksgiving day, for instance, has force and effect only in the District of Columbia and in the territories. Its observance in any state is by virtue of state regulation proclaimed by the governor.

The amount of whisky now stored in the Louisville district is 5,821,168 gallons, and the Kentucky State Journal says: "As every gallon contains twenty drinks, we have a total of over 1,000,000,000 drinks in this one district." Twenty drinks to the gallon? We can't swallow that. The story we mean.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

The Occident.

- W. E. Bender, Everett.
- F. S. McCullough, Portland.
- Feral Meyer, Portland.
- Chas. Morgan and children, Garibaldi.
- Mrs. Cora Carey, Tillamook.
- Annie Weaming, Hobsonville.
- Geo. A. Buchler, Ritzville.
- M. L. Whitley, Stevensville.
- Anna Wholey, Stevensville.
- Mary A. Wholey, Stevensville.
- C. C. A. Marks, Stevensville.
- M. R. Marks, Stevensville, Mont.
- Chas. Evans, Kermis.
- M. A. Evans, Kermis.
- F. B. Elbersson, Los Angeles.
- A. D. Austin, Everett.
- J. W. McGowan, McGowan.
- H. L. Gunther, McGowan.
- Jack Wilson, Ilwaco.
- F. L. Warren, Warenton.
- A. A. Wolgt, San Francisco.
- Geo. L. Taylor, Portland.
- E. Blom, Portland.
- M. Dainning, Portland.
- K. Dainning, Portland.
- E. Dainning, Portland.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Lottie Johnson of Albany, departed this morning for her home, after a brief visit with friends here, among whom are Miss Hulks, a high school teacher in this city, but formerly a teacher at Albany and Mr. Becker and family, also formerly of that city, but who at present reside in Astoria. Miss Johnson's opinion of Astoria after enjoying the ocean breeze for 10 days, is that she would like to live in Astoria as well as she does in Albany.

Full of Tragic Meaning.

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